

**SUMMARY OF MEETING  
KENDALL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (12)  
Non-Zoning Meeting  
Kendall Branch Library - 9101 SW 97 Avenue  
May 11, 2005 - 6:30 p.m.**

**Council Members Present**

Jose I. Valdes, Chair  
Millie Herrera, Vice Chair  
Peggy Brodeur  
Carla Savola  
Nelson Varona  
Robert Wilcosky

**Council Members Absent**

Jacqueline Hernandez-Torano

**Miami-Dade Team Metro Staff Present**

Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Executive Secretary  
Suzel Cuellar, Executive Planner  
Wayne Carter, Neighborhood Compliance Officer, Lead Worker

**Miami-Dade County Staff Present**

Natasha Alfonso, Planning and Zoning  
Subrata Basu, Planning and Zoning  
Paul Carey, Parks and Recreation  
Cindy Dwyer, Planning and Zoning  
Laura Hernandez, Expressway Authority  
Roger Hernstadt, Capital Improvements  
Karen Leigh, General Services Administration  
Evan Skornick, South Florida Water Management District

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Valdes called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Minnis called roll and all members were present except for Council member Hernandez-Torano.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda of May 11, 2005 was forwarded by Council member Herrera and seconded by Council member Savola. The agenda was approved by a vote of 6-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2005**

A motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2005 was forwarded by Council member Herrera and seconded by Council member Brodeur. The minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Catherine A. Minnis, Acting Regional Coordinator, Team Metro Kendall, provided an update to Council member Brodeur's safety concern of the Dadeland Mall overpass, between Macy's and Nordstrom. Bob Boch, Director of Construction, reported that the North and South side of the overpass was repaired on April 23, 2005. A temporary barrier was added to prevent heavy trucks from using the overpass. Mr. Boch stated that after the rainy season, a new overpass will be constructed. Secondly, Ms. Minnis reported on a concern brought forth by James Marshall, President of the Richmond Heights Homeowner's Association, regarding the possible widening and extension of SW 152 Street. In conclusion, she invited the Council and members of the public to attend Team Metro Kendall's Neighborhood Family Night event on May 25, 2005 in which the office will have extended hours for direct services from 5-8 p.m.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

This item was deferred to the next scheduled meeting.

## **TRAFFIC STUDY/CHARETTE NEAR BAPTIST HOSPITAL**

Commissioner Sorenson, District 8, together with Surbata Basu of the Planning and Zoning Department, provided a report on the proposed traffic study for the area near Baptist Hospital. County officials and representatives from Baptist are working together to conduct a study on the traffic impact to their facility and the community. Alan Krischner, attorney for Baptist Hospital, discussed their proposed traffic study. They are presently soliciting bids from engineering firms for a traffic study to be completed within three to five months. The area encompasses a total of two square miles. Commissioner Sorenson requested that any public concerns be submitted to Mr. Basu at his email address: [sus@miamidade.gov](mailto:sus@miamidade.gov). A Steering Committee will be established in the future and anyone from the public who wishes to be a participant, should contact Mr. Basu or the Council. Council member Herrera has volunteered to be a member of the Steering Committee. Future meetings will be advertised in the local newspapers.

## **“HOLD THE LINE” CAMPAIGN AND THE MOVEMENT OF THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY**

Commissioner Sorenson, District 8, conducted a presentation on her support for the “Hold the Line” campaign. The line was adopted by County ordinance over 10 years ago to concentrate development within existing service areas, provide infrastructure, and protect natural resources like Biscayne Bay and The Everglades. The Urban Development Boundary (UDB) is a ragged line along the western and southern fringes of the county intended as a buffer between The Everglades and insidious sprawl of housing developments. The UDB is included in the County's Land Use Planning Map to distinguish the areas where urban development may occur through the year 2005, from areas where it should not occur. The establishment of the UDB was planned in the 1970s, first implied in the land use planning map and then depicted in the land use planning map in 1983. It separates acceptable land uses, the level and type of municipal services, focuses on resources primarily within the urban areas, and provides for a designation of prime agricultural areas in order to distinguish their significance in land use planning. Boundaries are established to prevent fraud development that stresses infrastructure and delivery of services, provides more efficient use of land resources, protects agricultural land from urban encroachment, and improves the economic of infill and re-development.

The first decision coming before County Commissioners concerns the request for annexation by Florida City of several thousand acres at the intersection of US 1 and Card Sound Road. While County Commissioners are only considering annexation at this time, there is a development plan at the State level for 6,000 homes within the area of annexation. Commissioner Sorenson will vote against this issue. The Board of County Commissioner needs only nine votes to move the line and only five votes to hold the line. She encouraged the public to discuss this issue with their respective commissioners.

### **RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING DENIAL OF THE FLORIDA CITY ANNEXATION AND THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY LINE MOVEMENT**

This resolution recommends denial of the proposed annexation by Florida City of several thousand acres at the intersection of US 1 and Card Sound Road, and the movement of the Urban Development Boundary Line. Chair Valdes requested that the Council members approve resolution CC12-06-05. The motion was brought forth by Council member Savola and seconded by Council Vice-Chair Herrera. The vote was 5-0.

### **COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE 2003 SUNSET REVIEW**

Chair Valdes requested the Council members approve the 2003 Sunset Review Report. The motion was brought forth by Vice-Chair Council Herrera and seconded by Council member Savola. The vote was 5-0.

### **RADISSON HOTEL LANDSCAPING ISSUE**

This item will be deferred to a future meeting.

### **SOUTH MIAMI-DADE WATERSHED STUDY AND PLAN PRESENTATION**

Michael Davis, Vice-President, Keith and Schnars, conducted a presentation on the development of the South Miami-Dade Study and Plan. Keith and Schnars is the lead consulting firm for the team responsible for cataloging and reviewing data, public involvement, designing land use scenarios, analyzing development impacts, developing a land use plan for 2015 and 2050, and recommending implementation strategies.

The Watershed Study originates from the need to protect Biscayne Bay and Miami-Dade County from current water quality and quantity problems caused by past practices, and potential water impacts posed by future development. It is a comprehensive study that analyzes and projects surface and ground water uses and corresponding land uses. The study has two land use planning horizons: (1) a short-term component extending through the year 2015 and (2) long-term component extending through the year 2050, take 26 months and will produce the water resources and land planning documents required by the Land Use Policy 3E of the Miami-Dade County Comprehensive Development Master Plan. The South Miami-Dade Watershed Plan will synthesize complex issues related to land use planning, water resources, the natural system, economics and property rights to identify and protect lands, identify and establish the private rights of landowners, and assure compatible land uses and zoning decisions in the Study Area. The Watershed study area, on the South, is a 400-square mile area located in the southeastern portion of Miami-Dade County, between the Everglades and Biscayne National Parks. The northern boundary is formed by the Tamiami Trail. The western boundary begins at the western edge of the C-1 Basin where it intersects the Trail, and proceeds southward from the C-1 Basin in an irregular fashion along the Krome Avenue (SW 177th Avenue) corridor to the intersection of U.S. 1, and then follows U.S. 1 to land's end. The watershed is divided into a primary area, south of and including the C-2 Basin, and a secondary area consisting of the C-3 Basin.

## MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY WORKPLAN, OUTREACH AND UPCOMING TOLL INCREASE PRESENTATION

Ms. Tere Garcia, public information officer and consultant, conducted a presentation on the various transportation improvement projects planned by the Miami-Dade Expressway (MDX) Authority for fiscal year 2005-2009. The MDX 5-Year Transportation Improvement Program consists of 27 projects for a total of \$204.5 million for Fiscal Year 2005 and approximately \$847 million for the entire Five-Year Work Program (FY05-FY09). During Fiscal Year 2005, MDX will continue its right-of-way acquisition program in anticipation of the final design and construction of two of the most significant projects: (1) SR 836 Extension and the Interconnector Ramps between SR 112 and (2) Miami International Airport/future Miami Intermodal Center. Concurrent with the continued right-of-way program, final design and construction of the largest MDX projects, at the end of FY2004 and the beginning of FY2005, MDX will begin final design of the capacity, safety and operations improvement projects planned for the SR 874 corridor.

The MDX 5-Year Transportation Improvement Program is broken down into five major phases described below: (1) project development; (2) right-of-way acquisition; (3) design; (4) design-build and (5) construction.

- **Project Development:** This phase entails project definition, environmental impact analyses and documentation, as well as preliminary design. MDX has programmed \$2.85 million for 11 projects for Fiscal Year 2005 (\$4,642 million for the entire 5-Year Work Program) for the project development and preliminary design phase of the program. MDX intends to continue the implementation of design-build projects, where a contractor finalizes the plans. This process saves time and minimizes claims.
- **Right-of-Way Acquisition:** One of the goals of MDX is to provide mobility in Miami-Dade while minimizing disruption to the community. This means that the MDX program minimizes or avoids impacts to private and adjacent properties. MDX has slated \$107 million for four projects in Fiscal Year 2005 (\$185,297 million for the entire 5-Year Work Program) for the Right-of-Way phase of the program. The Interconnector accounts for 44% of the allocation for this phase. MDX is acquiring right-of-way as a joint effort with the Florida Department of Transportation for the implementation of the Miami Intermodal Center.
- **Design and Construction:** Timely and efficient project delivery with minimal traffic disruption is one of MDX's goals. MDX implemented an aggressive 5-year work program to assist us in the delivery of our mission which is to "Keep Miami-Dade County Moving" and has allocated \$19.6 million for six projects in Fiscal Year 2005 (\$32,266 million for the entire Five Year Work Program) for the final design phase and \$10.8 million is allocated for construction for 2005 (\$360,732 million for the entire Five Year Work Program).
- **Design-Build:** MDX has a proven track record of using alternative project delivery methods to expedite projects that provide a maximum benefit to Miami-Dade County commuters. Design-Build is one of these methods. MDX has programmed \$54.6 million for nine projects in Fiscal Year 2005 (\$207,619 Million for the entire Five Year Work Program) for the design-build phase of the program.

These implementations will help solve immediate problems and take Miami-Dade County into the future with a modern, effective and integrated roadway system that will meet the city's growing needs. The Council was provided with a complete prospectus on the five-year improvement project proposal.

## **GOVERNMENTAL FACILITIES APPLICATION PRESENTATION (EXPANSION OF JACKSON SOUTH HOSPITAL)**

Karen Leigh, Governmental Facilities Application Hearing Coordinator, provided information on the process of a pending application. Any application for governmental facilities either expansion or development comes before General Services Administration. The first step for this particular application was before the site review committee meeting that was held the first week of May 2005, by which the applicant, Jackson South, presented their request. Step Two is currently under review by the following regulatory agencies: Public Works, Waster & Sewer, Department of Environmental Resources Management; Right-of-way, Aesthetics and Assets Management Division and a report will be forthcoming.

Laura Hunter, Project Manager, Jackson South, conducted a presentation on their future plans for the hospital and the land acquisition. The Public Health Trust purchased Deering Hospital in 2001. Since then, the hospital has seen a significant increase in admissions and patient visits, it is currently at full capacity and the emergency room has up to 6,000 visits per year. The expansion would include the addition of new medical services such as diagnostics, currently not offered at the hospital. The Board of County Commissioners has approved the expansion and renovation projects included in the Building Better Communities Bond Program and the renovation projects for the main facility.

The application must be presented to the Council as an informational hearing. A strategic plan will be developed which will describe services that will be involved such as community services, ambulatory services, healthcare access and emergency care. The plan is to maintain the esthetic quality of the community, accessibility, traffic flow and sufficient parking for the hospital and medical building. Physicians and various divisions from the main facility will be available at this new site if approved. Various issues were brought forth by citizens of the Rockdale Civic Association regarding the proposed changes to the hospital that disrupt their quality of life in the surrounding neighborhoods. Hospital representatives will be scheduling meetings with community leaders in the immediate future to discuss these issues.

### **RESOLUTION OPPOSING ADOPTION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL'S (IG) REPORT REGARDING COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

This resolution recommends adoption of the recommendations and information set forth in the IG by the Board of County Commissioners. Chair Valdes requested the Council members approve resolution CC12-09-05. The motion was brought forth by Council member Savola and seconded by Council member Brodeur. The vote was 5-0.

### **DISCUSSION ON AQUATIC FACILITIES IN INDIAN HAMMOCKS PARK**

Roger Hernstadt, Director, Office of Capital Improvements, responded to questions from the Council regarding a request for an aquatics facility and a community center at Indian Hammocks Park. The park is included in the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (GOB). Bond Program. Six million dollars has been allocated for this park for improvements that include a recreational center. In the project description, the aquatics center is not listed. However, this request can be included. The Bond program is based on a 15-year build-out and seven bond sales, every other year. Every year these projects will be subject for discussion by the GOB Sub-Committee and the Board of County Commissioners. Currently, applications are being accepted for volunteers for the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Bond program. Council member Savola has submitted her application for review as a volunteer of the committee.

## **DISCUSSION ON PROJECTS IN SUNKIST ESTATE PARK**

This item will be deferred to a future meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 19, 2005 MEETING**

Upon discussion, the Council agreed on the following items for the July 19, 2005 meeting: (1) Presentation on the Jennings' Law; (2) Steering Committee Member Nominations for the Baptist Charette; (3) GF05-03 presentation (Sabal Chase Park/School Board application); (4) Traffic Study Report (SW 112 Avenue between Miami-Dade Community College and Kendall Drive); and (5) South Link/South Miami-Dade MPO Corridor Report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine A. Minnis, Executive Secretary